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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that five of the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were cited in an International Search Report, enclosed herewith.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)): EP 1 314 978 corresponds to WO 02/10735. US 6,254,736 corresponds to JP 2001-526388. English abstracts are provided for JP 2001-305093, JP 2002-181757, and JP 2000-206077.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

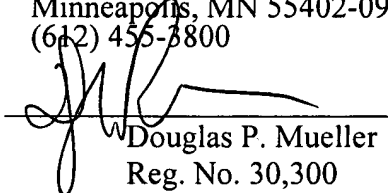
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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| <b>FORM 1449*</b><br><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b><br><br><b>IN AN APPLICATION</b><br>(Use several sheets if necessary) | Docket Number:<br>10921.316USWO | Application Number:<br>Unknown |
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| EXAMINER<br>INITIAL                                                    | DOCUMENT NO.   | DATE         | NAME        | CLASS | SUBCLASS | FILING DATE<br>IF APPROPRIATE |
|                                                                        | 6 254 736      | 3 July 2001  | EARL et al. |       |          |                               |
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|                                                                        | JP 2001-305093 | 31 Oct. 2001 | Japan       |       |          | Abstract                      |
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